



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 21, 2022

Minutes

A meeting of the City Council Advisory Committee (CCAC) was called to order by Acting Chair James Breitling on the above date. Present were Acting Chair James Breitling, Committee Members Sandra Flores, Monica Marroquin, and Don Osborne. Staff included City Manager Michael Blay and Assistant City Manager Stephen Parker.

1. Call to Order: 5:06 p.m.

Nomination of Acting Chair: Committee member Don Osborne nomination James Breitling to be Acting Chair, seconded by Committee Member Sandra Flores, and carried unanimously.

2. Roll Call: Sandra Flores, Monica Marroquin, Don Osborne James Breitling,

3. Oral Communications: None.

4. Business Items: Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2021

Acting Committee Chair Breitling made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Old Business:

NONE

6. New Business:

6A. MEASURE L OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

City Manager Blay gave a presentation on the Public Safety & City Services Measure L with assistance from Assistant City Manager Parker.

Committee Member Don Osborne asked how often they would expect to review the oversight documents. City Manager Blay stated that review would need to occur at budget planning and at mid-year budget. Discussion was

held regarding the definition of “recommend” in respect to the Committee’s responsibility to recommend solutions to Council. City Manager Blay asked that the Committee be as detailed as possible in their recommendations. Assistant City Manager Parker also advised that Monthly reports are available currently on the City website for the Committee or any member of the public to review. The Committee may also ask for additional information.

Committee Member Marroquin asked for clarification of what types of items would the sales tax apply to. City Manager Blay explained that it would only apply to currently taxable goods. Ms. Marroquin asked if the committee would expect to see expenses beyond those which the Council has specified. Mr. Blay explained that the priorities that residents have identified are what Council has asked staff to fund as initial priorities were Measure L to succeed. Mr. Parker added that the City Council Resolution reaffirms that the priorities are aligned with those expressed in the public surveys and that the breadth of the priorities would allow the Committee to make recommendations to Council that fall within the realm of those priorities.

Committee Member Flores wanted to clarify that spending on public safety would be used for hiring police officers and not to be used as giveaways to non-profits and consultants. City Manager Blay stated that funds would be spent on hiring police officers and reiterated the low staff levels and per capita spending for officers. Ms. Flores asked if there would be percentages of Measure L funding assigned to public safety. Mr. Blay that percentages could change over time as we catch up on priorities. Ms. Flores asked if the Committee would be expected to approve expenditures in advance. Mr. Blay explained that the Committee would be involved prior to the budget finalization.

Discussion was held regarding police recruitment. Discussion was held regarding any prior tax measures.

Committee Chair Breitling asked how San Bernardino County property taxes are allocated. Assistant City Manager Parker gave a summary of the process.

Committee Member Flores asked if the City has fought the State to get them to stop stealing money from us. Assistant City Manager Parker gave an overview of efforts made to reduce the State’s ability to reallocate funds away from cities.

Committee member Marroquin asked about the phrase “until ended by voters.” City Manager Blay explained that voters may move an initiative to remove the tax in the future. Discussion was held regarding sales tax caps in California and potential reduction of sales tax revenues from gas expenditures in the future.

Committee Chair Breitling confirmed the committee had no more questions and adjourned the committee meeting.

7. City Manager Comments: None

8. Adjournment: Adjourned 5:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 1, 2023, or as needed.

Submitted By:



Michael Blay, City Manager

Approved:

February 28, 2022